

Bangladesh, Burma, Malaya and the Indo-chinese region. Within Indian limits, it winters in small flocks in West Bengal, Assam, Manipur and N. Bihar. The bird is also reported from the Kathmandu valley of Nepal; and is

recorded as a straggler in Kashmir, Dehra Dun, Bharatpur (Grubh 1968) and Andaman Islands. The present sighting is the first record of the species in Peninsular India.

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11. ADDITION TO THE BIRDS OF POINT CALIMERE, S. INDIA

In the checklist appended at the end of the paper on the Avifauna of Point Calimere (Sugathan (*JBNHS* 79: 567), *Muscicapa parva* is listed as occurring in Point Calimere. Recently while going through the collection of birds in BNHS I came across a specimen of *Muscicapa subrubra* (BNHS No. 23279 ♂) collected from Point Calimere on 9/10/1969. The specimen was identified as *M. parva subrubra* but presently *subrubra* is no longer considered as a race of *parva* and is given the status of a full species by Ripley (A SYNOPSIS

OF BIRDS OF INDIA AND PAKISTAN 2nd ed. 1981). This would make *subrubra* an addition to the checklist.

In Overa Wildlife Sanctuary, in Kashmir, this year in May, I had the opportunity to examine both *M. parva* and *M. subrubra* in hand, as they were caught in the mist-net on the same day. The latter is common breeder in that locality. Also from the field observations I am quite convinced that they are different species.

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12. FURTHER ADDITIONS TO THE AVIFAUNA OF POINT CALIMERE

Ruddy Shelduck (*Tadorna ferruginea*)

A group of 15 to 20 large ducks seen flying westwards over saltpans near Ramarpadam in

the afternoon of 9th November 1983. The birds were typically 'Shelduck' in shape, the neck being proportionately too short for *Anser*.